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## IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF CANADA FOR SWINE EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

### CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

- 1 The United States is free of hog cholera.
- 2 The herd of origin has been free of brucellosis and pseudorabies for the past 12 months immediately preceding exportation as far as can be determined by blood test and herd history.
- 3 The animals to be exported have been isolated from any additions to the herd of origin for at least 30 days prior to export.
- 4 The animals will be transported to the port of embarkation in cleaned and disinfected vehicles.
- 5 After due inquiry, I am satisfied that, the swine to be exported have not been fed garbage at any time.

### TEST REQUIREMENTS

"Canada will soon be implementing the following requirements for brucellosis in swine:

The standard test will be the fluorescent polarization assay (FPA); and ancillary/confirmatory test will be indirect ELISA (iELISA). Once they have implemented these tests, domestically, they will be required for imports.

In the meantime, while they would prefer the FPA or the i ELISA for imports, the card test and the CF test will be acceptable for now. The use of the BPAT should be discontinued and has been removed from the import permit conditions. Please note, however, that it will reduce the chances of conflicting results in quarantine if the FPA or iELISA are used now."

The animals were negative to the following tests within 30 days prior to export:

- 1 Brucellosis: Standard tube test at 1:50 dilution.
- 2 Pseudorabies: Serum neutralization test at 1:2 dilution.

### OTHER INFORMATION

- 1 All swine imported into Canada from the United States will be quarantined in Canada for a minimum period of 30 days in an Agriculture Canada quarantine station.
- 2 Canada does not exempt swine for immediate slaughter from the above requirements.